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CITIZEN HIGHLIGHT







The Monster Mash show at Six Flags



The Polar Express, at the B&O Railroad Museum, in Baltimore, MD.



Dirty Rotten Scoundrels at Cumberland Theater

The March edition of Seat Pleasant News, we feature Ms. Jessica Adcock, a 19 years resident. Ms. Adcock is 33 years old and graduated from the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, DC. There she studied Theater. However, her training began before high school when she started at the age of 13. Ms. Adcock has been performing professional since the age of 16, as an actor and doing musical theater. She has performed at Six Flags, the Kennedy Center, the White House, and even the Lincoln Center Theater in New York.

Additionally, she performed on the Island of Antiqua. She scored her first Off Broadway Show in New York at the age of 26. She continues to act although she is now focusing more on television and film endeavors these days. In fact, she recently filmed a pilot of a show of which we were unable to get the name. Some of the past shows she has done include: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, by David Yazbek and Jeffery Lane; Alaska Gold Rush of 1898; The Polar Express, which will return in November.

We are extremely proud of Seat Pleasant resident Jessica Adcock. Please continue to watch out for her. Congratulations Jessica we wish you continued success.





Aprils edition of Seat Pleasant News, we feature Mr. Thurman D. Jones, Jr. a 45 year resident of Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence. Thurman D. Jones, Jr. is the Founder of Patriots Technology Training Center and is a former City Councilmember of Ward V. Mr. Jones faithfully served one term on the City Council from 1996 – 2000. He was a visionary for his Ward working to develop relationships and forge new alliances that would benefit his Ward. He supported many initiatives including programming for youth in the city. After serving on the council Mr. Jones started Patriots Technology Training Center (PTTC) (www.patriots-ttc.org) a 501(c)(3) non-profit learning facility geared toward teaching 5th-12th grade students the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Their goal is to help minority students bridge the "digital divide" to careers in STEM by encouraging them to enter college-oriented curricula leading to careers in those fields. They do so by hosting academic competitions in which students work with mentors and are provided hands on experience.

Councilmember Highlight







Councilman Lamar Maxwell has been an active Seat Pleasant, Maryland native for 30 years. Mr. Maxwell is a product of the Prince George's County Schools system and graduated from Prince George's Community College School of Hybrid Technology. Councilman Maxwell has a true appreciation for his family and the engagement of his community. Because of his dedication to his community, Lamar is an active member of the Mt. Victory Baptist Church in Seat Pleasant where he serves on several ministries, including the Male Chorus, Voices of Victory, Young Men's Sunday School, and Usher Ministry.

He has built several community partnerships such as volunteering with Seat Pleasant Elementary school, the Seat Pleasant Civic Association, Q's Barbershop and the Mt. Victory **Baptist Church Community Outreach** Ministry. Maxwell is so engaged and comfortable with his family and Seat Pleasant residents that he is affectionately known as "Mardi". Mr. Lamar Maxwell recognizes the time has come for us to stand together and make the city a better place. He understands that the choices made in our city affect each and every one of us. His plan is to bridge the gap between the city's government and its residents in order to establish and maintain democracy through transparency and tangible results. His motto is "Taking Seat Pleasant to the MAX so we all can live WELL."

Kelly Porter was born in Washington, DC and moved to New York at a young age where he attended the New York Public School System and graduated from State University New York, Binghamton with a Bachelor Science in Business Administration. While attending college, Mr. Porter worked and directed his own radio program within the Afro-Latin Department of WHRW-FM radio. Mr. Porter returned to the Washington Metropolitan Area to pursue a career related to his field of studies, during which time he performed with the District of Columbia Black Repertory Theatre for several years. He took on positions with IBM, Panasonic /Sharp, and Retail Sales and Management. Mr. Porter is the Owner of a Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Franchise with locations in Washington, DC, and Maryland. In addition to owning his own business, he is currently employed with Giant Food Stores.

Mr. Porter is a licensed Real Estate Consultant in Maryland. He was elected to the City Council of Seat Pleasant in 1996 as Councilmember of Ward IV and elected as Councilmember-At-Large in September 2000, which is a seat he currently holds. Mr. Porter has resided in Seat Pleasant for over 20 years. Mr. Porter's concern has always been for Seat Pleasants' heightened positive awareness and prosperity within the State and the surrounding Metropolitan area. He advocates the policy of TEAM work (Together Each Achieves More). Mr. Porter has been affiliated with Local and National organizations since 1996 to current, such as National League of Cities, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, Sheriff Explorers Program, Economic Development/Advisory and Steering Committees (NLC), Maryland Board of Realtors, Legislative, Economic, Communication and State Board Committee (MML) Maryland Municipal League, Former Member of Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce, Local Government Advisory Committee for Chesapeake Bay, (Governors Appointment), Local 400 Union Sharp Steward, Board Member of Leadership Training Institute(NLC) and a member of Tri-Area Civic Association. Mr. Porter has notable sponsors and co-sponsors Achievement such as Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Certificate of Leadership Institute (NLC), University of Maryland Academy of Excellence-Fellow (MML).

City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action Office of the City Clerk

March 2020

Monday, March 2, 2020, Regular Work Session Ordinance O-20-12 Amendment of Chapter 6-Checks **Approved 5-1-0**

Resolution R-20-09 To Authorize Negotiations of the Verizon Franchise Renewal Agreement. **Approved 6-0-0**

Monday, March 2, 2020, Public Session

The Meeting Minutes for the month of February were **Approved 5-0-0**

The City Council meet every month on the first (1st) Monday for the Regular Work Session will held on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 6:00p.m., and second (2nd) Monday, April 13, 2020 for the Public Session at 7:00p.m. All meetings are opened to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session. The City Council will hold the Budget Hearings for the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00p.m., and Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

Copies of legislation and approved meeting minutes can be found on the City's website www.seatpleasantmd.gov or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS

The City of Seat Pleasant is seeking interested parties to the Board of Election Supervisors. In accordance with the Seat Pleasant City Charter the duties of the Board of Elections are listed below. The interested parties shall submit a letter of interest and resume to the Office of the Mayor by **IMMEDIATELY**. The positions are opened until filled.

Section C-605. Duties

The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall be in charge of the registration of voters, nominations, and all City elections. The Board may appoint election clerks or other employees to assist it in any of its duties.

All submissions for consideration **MUST** be filed in the **office of the Mayor**, Seat Pleasant City Hall, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2020-ELECTION GUIDE

MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The City will hold a general election on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall:

The City of Seat Pleasant-City Hall 6301 Addison Rd. Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

The election will be electing a Mayor and seven (7) Councilmember's to serve four-year terms. The polls will be open from 7:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.

The City strongly encourages residents to participate in their City government by seeking a seat on the Council.

Persons seeking to run for office of Council must be:

- A registered voter of the State of Maryland and the City of Seat Pleasant one (1) year
- At least 21 years of age at the time of Election
- A Seat Pleasant resident one (1) year immediately preceding the election
- A Councilpersons shall maintain a permanent residence in the City during their term of office.

Persons seeking to run for office of Mayor must be:

- A registered voter of the State of Maryland and the City of Seat Pleasant one (1) year
- At least 18 years of age at the time of Election
- A Seat Pleasant resident one (1) year immediately preceding the election

Deadline for candidate filing is Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 5:00p.m. Packets for prospective candidates are available for pickup at the City of Seat Pleasant City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m. until 5:00p.m.

If you are a registered voter in Prince George's County, you are eligible to vote in the City of Seat Pleasant Elections. You must be registered by July 14, 2020, to vote in the September 14, 2020 election. If you have any questions regarding voter registration, please call the Prince George's County Board of Elections at (301) 341-7300. Persons desiring to vote by Absentee Ballot must submit a request for an Absentee Ballot application to the City Clerk before 5:00p.m., Friday, September 7, 2020.

Note: Absentee Ballot Applications are available at City Hall, on the City's website at www.seatpleasantmd.gov, or you may contact the City Clerk Office at (301) 336-2600 to have an application mailed to you.

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September 14, 2020, General Election Calendar

Monday, March 16, 2020 Candidate Packets Available-City Hall

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 DEADLNE (5:00p.m.) to file to run for elected office, including submission of nominating petition of candidates for elective office, Certificate of Candidate Form signed and notarized, the Financial Disclosure Statement (new candidates only)

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 Early Voting Begins

Monday, August 31, 2020 DEADLINE for requesting absentee ballot

Friday, September 4, 2020 DEADLINE (5:00p.m.) for submitting absentee ballot

September 8, 2020 Early Voting Closes

Friday, September 4, 2020 WRITE-IN CANDIDATE Certificate of Candidacy DEADLINE (5:00p.m.)

Monday, September 14, 2020 ELECTION DAY-7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m., Seat Pleasant City Hall

* How to register to vote:

In Person Prince George's County Board of Elections, 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, Largo, MD 20774. Monday through Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Online You can register online at elections.state.md.us if you have a Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card

By Mail Call (301) 341-7300 to have a mail-in form sent to you. Mail-in forms can also be printed at elections.state.md.us. or picked up at county library branches or at Seat Pleasant City Hall.

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POLL WORKERS/ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

Residents of the City who desire to serve as poll workers in the upcoming City's General Election are requested to fill out a Poll Worker Application. To obtain an application, please contact the City Clerk at 301-336-2600, or come City Hall (311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743), before **5:00p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2020.**

Poll Workers Requirement: Must be registered voters of the State of Maryland and in the City of Seat Pleasant.

We are seeking poll workers to work the election polls for the following:

Municipal Election (Monday, September 14, 2020) polls will be open from 7:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.

Please contact the City Clerk for additional information on becoming a poll worker on 301-336-2600.

CANDIDATE FILING

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR FILING:

Nomination Petition-The City's Charter requires that petition containing the valid signatures of twenty (20) registered voters who live in Seat Pleasant. It is recommended that each petition contain several signatures more than the minimum numbered required in the event that some signatures are found invalid by the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections.

Financial Disclosure Statements-Statements must be filed with the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections by the deadline for nominations. No candidate will be qualified if the required statement is not filed. The City Code Chapter 18- Ethics requires for all candidates for elected office complete a Financial Disclosure Statement.

Certificate of Candidacy Form-The City's Charter requires that a candidate for office submits the Certificate of Candidacy Form. The form is required to be signed and notarized.

Candidates packets are available for pick-up at the Seat Pleasant City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m. until 5:00p.m.

Deadline to file is Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 5:00p.m.

ASSISTANCE TO VOTERS

DEADLINE-Friday, September 4, 2020

Any qualified voters desiring to vote by Absentee Ballot must submit a written request for an Absentee Ballot application to the City Clerk under the authority of the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections, no later than 5:00p.m.

Mail to: City Clerk City of Seat Pleasant 311 68th Pl. Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

- ❖ Upon receipt of the application, the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections will approve or reject the voter's request for an absentee ballot and, if approved and time allows, one (1) ballot will be mailed to an applicant.
- ❖ An applicant can be rejected if the City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections determines upon inquiry that the applicant is not legally qualified to vote at the City Election.
- ❖ The City of Seat Pleasant Board of Elections must receive all original absentee ballots no later than the day before the election, Friday, September 11, 2020 by 5:00p.m.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

No voter shall receive any assistance in voting unless he/she completes an affidavit declaring that due to blindness, impaired vision, or physically disability, he/she is unable to vote without assistance.

- The person filling the affidavit may select any individual or two (2) Poll Workers to enter the booth with him/her.
- The voter may not be assisted by his/her employer or agent.
- The individual or Poll Worker assisting shall operate the machine, as the voter shall direct.

POLL WATCHERS

Poll Watchers are official observers representing a candidate. They may observe the conduct of the election before, during and after the poll closes.

- Only one (1) person can be present in the polling place representing a candidate at any given time.
- ❖ The Board of Elections may ask all Poll Watchers to leave.
- ❖ The Board of Elections may cause the removal of any Poll Watcher who is disrupting the election process.
- Poll Watchers can enter the polling place one-half hour before the opening of the polls.
- ❖ Each Poll Watcher must have credentials issued by the candidate.
- ❖ The Poll Watcher must present these credentials to the Board of Election immediately upon entering the polling place.

NOTE: Please direct any questions, comments or concerns regarding the 2020 City of Seat Pleasant Election scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020, to Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC City Clerk at 301-336-2600 or by email at dashaun.lanham@seatpleasantmd.gov.









